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16. Abstract

This report presents the findings of research on bus purchases and demonstrations by transit properties in the United States involving innovative vehicles or equipment. Purchases and demonstrations have been catalogued for the last four years. The purchases included in this report show innovative equipment and new manufacturers in the American market. The trends toward mass bus purchases through consortia and a heightened interest in vehicles built by non-traditional manufacturers are shown. The report shows that there is extensive activity among transit properties which are looking for vehicles that can meet the requirements imposed by local operating conditions.



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There have been numerous applications of innovative, or at least non-standard, transit bus technology in the United States in recent years. This report is a summary of innovative vehicle equipment and its application. The intent of this project is to make application of new technology generally known to the transit industry, so the results of trial applications can be melded with results of the U.S. Department of Transportation demonstrations.

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BUS TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

INTRODUCTION

In recent years there have been numerous applications of innovative, or at least non-standard, transit bus technology in the United States. This report presents a summary of innovative vehicle equipment and its application at transit properties across the country. It is valuable for those in the transit industry to be aware of application of new technology so that the results of its applications can be considered in light of USDOT demonstrations.

The New Bus Equipment Introduction (NBEI) Program is designed to demonstrate innovative features on transit buses and encourage the adoption of innovative features that enhance productivity. The program encourages selected transit operators, in conjunction with UMTA, to take the initiative in encouraging new types of transit equipment. A series of Technical Evaluation Reports will be prepared during the program, documenting improvements in fuel economy, accessibility and life cycle costs. A second series of reports will be prepared on the socio-economic impacts of the NBEI Program during pre-bid, procurement, operations and post operations stages. In April 1983 a socio-economic impact assessment was submitted to the Transportation Systems Center and in September 1983 a report on the procurement phase for the program will be completed.

Transit properties across the United States have not waited for the results of the NBEI Program. Bus purchases have continued. While most properties have continued to purchase buses from the traditional U.S. suppliers, others have chosen to purchase at least a few vehicles from non-traditional sources. Some of these vehicles contain "innovative" features by U.S. standards.

An effort has been made to research recent bus purchases to find out what kinds of vehicles and innovative features are being sought by various transit properties across the country. The list that follows contains information on vehicles purchased by transit properties during the last four years in which the vehicle or the equipment within the vehicle is unusual or innovative relative to the standard equipment used by most transit properties.

New bus demonstrations and purchases have been catalogued for the last four years based on news releases in Transit Industry journals and conversation with UMTA capital grants personnel. The more innovative purchases or demonstrations are listed at the conclusion of this synopsis. The criteria used for listing equipment purchases and demonstrations are as follows:

- * Articulated
- * New manufacturer
- * Unusual body style
- * Unusual power source

Articulated buses are still relatively new in the United States, although by no means a novelty. Since the first consortium purchase of M.A.N. articulated buses in the mid 1970's, a number of cities have increased their fleets of articulated buses. All articulated bus purchases in the United States are not listed here. However, purchases of articulated buses that appeared in the literature review are listed as a representative sample of recent purchases.

Any vehicles purchased from a manufacturer other than GMC or Flxible are deemed worthy of note since this indicates interest in the U.S. bus market by new manufacturers. All vehicle purchases from new manufacturers that were found in the literature review are listed.

Unusual body style is indicative of an effort by manufacturers to address the variety of vehicle uses found in the transit industry. Small buses and double-deckers are the most notable variations not already covered under the "articulated" category.

New power sources are of interest because of the emphasis on improved fuel economy, reduced noise and lower operating cost. All non-diesel power plants are reported. Turbo-charged diesels are reported as well, even though turbo-charging technology is not new. There is a renewed interest in turbo-charging to obtain better fuel economy and performance from a smaller engine. Until recently, it was more common to specify an eight cylinder diesel rather than a turbo-charged, six cylinder diesel.

These four criteria are adequate to cover the range of innovative vehicles recently purchased in the United States. A detailed listing of purchases follows along with tables summarizing the information.

FINDINGS

Transit properties across the United States have continued to purchase new buses to replace old equipment or expand their fleets. Transit properties are writing their own design specifications for their new equipment so performance goals can be achieved in light of the local environment. Transit properties are looking to a wider range of bus manufacturers, both foreign and domestic, in an effort to acquire vehicles that satisfy design specifications. As a result, manufacturers not previously in the American market have been able to secure a portion of the American bus sales to transit properties.

M.A.N. and Crown-Ikarus are becoming prevalent in large metropolitan areas utilizing articulated buses. Neoplan, which now manufactures its buses domestically, is becoming a leading contender in the market for new transit buses in large metropolitan cities. Flyer and Gillig are also heading into the American market for 40 foot transit buses. Scania, Renault, and Hino have initiated demonstrations with several metropolitan transit agencies and their buses have performed satisfactorily.

In the market for medium sized heavy duty buses Carpenter, Chance, Skillcraft, the Blue Bird Corporation, the Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC) and Orion have successfully entered the American market. Previously nothing had been available in this class since GMC and Flxible ceased production of 30 foot models in the early 1970's.

With the entry of new manufacturers in the American market for transit buses innovative features are appearing. Some of these features include:

- * 6 cylinder turbo-charged engines (Blue Bird and Grumman)
- * Articulated small buses (Chance)
- * Gas turbine engines (GMC)
- * Air cooled engines (IVECO)
- * Double-deck bodies (Neoplan)
- * Climate-specific equipment (Orion)
- * Dual-powered buses (Renault)

To fight the trend of ever increasing prices for new vehicles, consortia are being created to buy vehicles in volume purchases. Various properties are working together to find manufacturers that can satisfy the design specifications of a group of transit properties. Examples of these kinds of bus purchases include the Pittsburgh Consortium, which has been involved in pooling purchases of M.A.N. articulated buses for various transit properties across the United States. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has also arranged a 1000 vehicle purchase from Neoplan from which transit properties within the state will receive new 40 foot Neoplan buses as needed rather than procuring new buses on their own.

In an effort to gain recognition from bus purchasing consortia and individual transit properties, several bus manufacturers have initiated vehicle demonstrations with transit properties and government agencies. Renault and Hino have initiated demonstrations with transit properties in the state of New York through the New York Department of Transportation. Metro in Seattle, Washington, has been testing a prototype, dual-powered Renault bus. IVECO, an Italian manufacturer, has had a lease agreement with the Port Authority of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to test buses with air-cooled engines.

It is becoming common practice for transit properties to test prototype and production models through demonstrations before actual purchase agreements are consummated. This allows transit properties to assess how well a particular vehicle manufacturer's product performs under operating conditions and to determine whether modifications will be necessary if production models are purchased. In Seattle it has been determined that the Renault dual-powered bus will have to undergo three or four sets of modifications before the vehicle will perform satisfactorily under actual operating conditions. In Sarasota, Florida, two Skillcraft buses were tested successfully and were

purchased along with an additional 21 vehicles. In Sacramento and Riverside, California, a hydrogen/propane fueled bus was tested unsuccessfully by the California Department of Transportation and the test results were disseminated to other interested transit operators.

In an attempt to determine which manufacturer best satisfies the needs of various transit properties, vehicles are being compared under test conditions in some locations. In Michigan, where the state Department of Transportation buys buses for small transit properties across the state, buses are being procured for testing so that it can be determined which vehicle meets the operating requirements presented by the state's transit operators. In Norwalk, Connecticut, a Scania bus was found to be quieter than the GMC RTS II and bus drivers found the Scania bus superior for its maneuverability, power and driver comfort.

These and other applications of new transit technology are listed in appendices to this report. The items are listed and then summarized by city and manufacturer.

- 1. Appendix A: Listing of Bus Purchases
- 2. Appendix B: Summary of Innovative Features By City
- 3. Appendix C: Summary of Locations and Manufacturers
- 4. Appendix D: Manufacturer Information
- 5. Appendix E: Report of New Technology

CONCLUSION

The NBEI Program will provide a thorough evaluation of different kinds of innovative equipment at specific locations. Data will be collected in 1983-84 and a detailed analysis will be carried out of the performance and impacts of the new equipment. Additional information, to supplement information gained through the NBEI Program, can be obtained through use studies and reviews of other projects carried out prior to or independent of the NBEI Program. Dissemination of this information would aid other properties considering bus purchase.

In examining recent bus purchases by transit properties across the country it is apparent that transit bus manufacturers will be serving a market which is becoming increasingly specialized. Transit properties are writing vehicle specifications which address the needs of the different kinds of services offered. High volume transit services will increasingly be provided by high capacity vehicles such as articulated buses. Handicapped services, short routes and rail feeder routes will favor heavy duty small buses. With rising energy costs, the use of brake retarders and turbo charged engines along with other equipment which improves vehicle performance will be in demand. With encouragement provided by UMTA and the initiative of transit operators the transit bus market will become more responsive to the equipment needs of the public transit industry.

APPENDIX A

LISTING OF BUS PURCHASES

Manufacturer: ATLANTIC RESEARCH CORPORATION

No. of Vehicles: 15 Delivery Date: JUNE, 1980

Cost Per Vehicle: 61,400 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Street Address: 615 WEST SUPERIOR

City: CLEVELAND State: OHIO Zip: 44115
Contact: DAVID SILVIA, DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT Telephone: 216-556-5278

Description: MINI-BUSES

LIFT EQUIPPED WITH FOUR WHEELCHAIR TIE DOWNS

Manufacturer Information

Company: ATLANTIC RESEARCH CORPORATION

Address: 5390 CHEROKEE AVENUE; ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

Contact: GEORGE SUMMERS, ADVANCED PROGRAMS DIR. Telephone: 703-642-4000

Manufacturer: BILLINGS ENERGY CORPORATION

No. of Vehicles: 1 Delivery Date: AUGUST, 1980

Cost Per Vehicle: Purchase or Demonstration: DEMONSTRATION

Transit Property: SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

Street Address: P.O. BOX 2110

City: SACRAMENTO State: CALIFORNIA Zip: 95810 Contact: BOB SMITH, ASSOC. ENGINEER-CALTRANS Telephone: 916-322-1420

Description: HYDROGEN/PROPANE FUELED

DEMONSTRATION BY CALTRANS: TESTS ALSO CONDUCTED IN RIVERSIDE; POOR RESULTS;

SHORT RANGE AND SLOW REFUELING PROCESS

Manufacturer Information

Company: BILLINGS ENERGY CORPORATION

Address: NOT AVAILABLE

Contact: NOT AVAILABLE Telephone: NOT AVAILABLE

Manufacturer: BLUE BIRD

No. of Vehicles: 20 Delivery Date: MAY, 1981 Cost Per Vehicle: 103,039 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: CENTRAL ARKANSAS TRANSIT Street Address: 100 MAIN STREET, ROOM 509

City: LITTLE ROCK State: ARKANSAS Zip: 72201

Telephone: 501-375-6513 Contact: JOHN MILLIGAN, GENERAL MANAGER

Description: TURBO-CHARGED

V-6 DETROIT DIESEL; 30 FOOT BODIES

Manufacturer Information

Company: BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY, CITY BUS SALES Address: P.O. BOX 937; FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA 31030

Contact: RICHARD C. CRAFT, SALES MANAGER Telephone: 912-825-2021

Manufacturer: CARPENTER

No. of Vehicles: 4 Delivery Date: FEBRUARY, 1983 Cost Per Vehicle: 118,950 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION

Street Address: 801 AMERICAN CENTER BUILDING

City: ST. PAUL State: MINNESOTA Zip: 55101 Contact: ARTHUR SEEBACH, ENGINEER Telephone: 612-642-2676

Description: SHORT WHEEL BASE

HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE WITH A SHORT WHEEL BASE AND THE CAPACITY TO CARRY FIVE OR

SIX WHEELCHAIR PASSENGERS SIMULTANEOUSLY

Manufacturer Information

Company: CARPENTER BODY WORKS, INC. Address: MICHELL, INDIANA 47446

Contact: DICK O'NEIL, COMMERCIAL SALES MGR. Telephone: 812-849-3131 Manufacturer: CHANCE

No. of Vehicles: 1 Delivery Date: AUGUST, 1980
Cost Per Vehicle: 56,000 Purchase or Demonstration: DEMONSTRATION

Transit Property: METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Street Address: 1825 SOUTH MCLEAN BOULEVARD

State: KANSAS City: WICHITA Zip: 67213 Contact: DICK RUDDELL, SUPERINTENDENT OF TRANSP. Telephone: 316-265-7221

Description: ARTICULATED SMALL BUS

TRAILOR ATTACHED TO CHANCE BUS; ALL FOUR WHEELS TURN FOR GOOD MANEUVERABILITY;

PROBLEMS WITH FARE COLLECTION AND SECURITY

Manufacturer Information

Company: CHANCE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., COACH DIVISION Address: 4219 IRVING STREET; WICHITA, KANSAS 67277-2328

Contact: JOE DIEHL, V.P. OF TRANSIT SALES Telephone: 316-942-7411

Manufacturer: CROWN-IKARUS

Delivery Date: OCTOBER, 1983 No. of Vehicles: 8 Cost Per Vehicle: 237,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Street Address: 110 WATERVLIET AVENUE

City: ALBANY State: NEW YORK Zip: 12206 Contact: RICHARD LONG, MGR. OF PURCHASING Telephone: 518-482-8067

Description: ARTICULATED

MID-AXLE DRIVE WITH SEATS FOR 74

Manufacturer Information

Company: CROWN COACH CORPORATION, TRANSIT VEHICLE DIVISION Address: 2428 EAST 12TH STREET; LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90021

Contact: BILL CORYELL, TRANSIT PROGRAM DIRECTOR Telephone: 213-627-4021

Manufacturer: CROWN-IKARUS

No. of Vehicles: 87 Delivery Date: SEPTEMBER, 1981
Cost Per Vehicle: 231,500 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF OREGON

Street Address: 4012 S.E. 17TH AVENUE

City: PORTLAND State: OREGON Zip: 97202

Contact: JIM COWEN, MANAGER Telephone: 503-238-4915

Description: ARTICULATED

PURCHASED FOR AMERICAN ENGINE AND POWER TRAIN; CONCERN WITH AVAILABILITY OF

PARTS

Manufacturer Information

Company: CROWN COACH CORPORATION, TRANSIT VEHICLE DIVISION Address: 2428 EAST 12TH STREET; LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90021

Contact: BILL CORYELL, TRANSIT PROGRAM DIRECTOR Telephone: 213-627-4021

Manufacturer: CROWN-IKARUS

No. of Vehicles: 15 Delivery Date: JULY, 1981

Cost Per Vehicle: 229,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY

Street Address: 1000 WEST BROADWAY

City: LOUISVILLE State: KENTUCKY Zip: 40203
Contact: BILL MASON, PLANNING DEPARTMENT Telephone: 502-587-2688

Terephone. 302-307-206

Description: ARTICULATED

CAPACITY FOR 73 WITH SEATS IN TURNTABLE AREA; MID-AXLE DRIVE; PONY ENGINE IN

REAR SECTION FOR AIR CONDITIONING

Manufacturer Information

Company: CROWN COACH CORPORATION, TRANSIT VEHICLE DIVISION

Address: 2428 EAST 12TH STREET; LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90021

Contact: BILL CORYELL, TRANSIT PROGRAM DIR. Telephone: 213-627-4021

Manufacturer: CROWN-IKARUS

No. of Vehicles: 40 Delivery Date: OCTOBER, 1983
Cost Per Vehicle: 217,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: MILWAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM

Street Address: ROOM 201, COURTHOUSE

City: MILWAUKEE State: WISCONSIN Zip: 53233
Contact: HENRY MAYER, GENERAL MANAGER Telephone: 414-937-3282

Description: ARTICULATED

SEATS FOR 70 PASSENGERS WITH WIDE DOORS; NO AIR CONDITIONING

Manufacturer Information

Company: CROWN COACH CORPORATION, TRANSIT VEHICLE DIVISION Address: 2428 EAST 12TH STREET; LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90021

Contact: BILL CORYELL, TRANSIT PROGRAM DIRECTOR Telephone: 213-627-4021

Manufacturer: GILLIG

No. of Vehicles: 30 Delivery Date: OCTOBER, 1981
Cost Per Vehicle: 140,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Street Address: 1990 NORTH CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD

City: WALNUT CREEK State: CALIFORNIA Zip: 94596 Contact: HOWARD SAWYER, OPERATIONS AND MAINT. Telephone: 415-930-8999

Description: SIX CYLINDER DIESEL 35 FOOT BODIES WITH 47 SEATS

Manufacturer Information Company: GILLIG CORPORATION

Address: 25800 CLAWITER ROAD; HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA 94545

Contact: KEITH BARNES, DIR. OF TRANSIT SALES Telephone: 415-785-1500

Manufacturer: GMC No. of Vehicles: 5

Cost Per Vehicle:

Purchase or Demonstration: DEMONSTRATION

Transit Property: MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OF MARYLAND

Street Address: 109 EAST REDWOOD STREET

City: BALTIMORE State: MARYLAND Zip: 21202 Contact: RUSSELL PENTZ, DIR. OF MAINTENANCE Telephone: 301-539-0767

Description: GAS TURBINE ENGINE

HEAT AND SEAL PROBLEMS; RTS' RETROFITTED BACK TO ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT;

DEMONSTRATION BY NASA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Manufacturer Information

Company: GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, TRUCK AND COACH DIVISION Address: 660 SOUTH BOULEVARD EAST; PONTIAC, MICHIGAN 48053

Contact: EDWARD R. STOKEL, DIR. PUBLIC TRANSP. Telephone: 313-857-4077

Manufacturer: GRUMMAN

No. of Vehicles: 10 Delivery Date: JUNE, 1982

Cost Per Vehicle: 150,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: LINCOLN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Street Address: 710 J STREET

City: LINCOLN State: NEBRASKA Zip: 68508 Contact: ROGER VANCE, MAINT. SUPERINTENDENT Telephone: 402-471-7185

Description: TURBO-CHARGED

SIX CYLINDER DIESEL: SEATING FOR 48; CONCERN WITH FUEL ECONOMY

Manufacturer Information

Company: GRUMMAN FLXIBLE CORPORATION

Address: 970 PITTSBURGH DRIVE; DELAWARE, OHIO 43015

Contact: JOHN M. MADDOX, DIR. OF MARKETING Telephone: 614-369-7671 Manufacturer: HINO

No. of Vehicles: 1 Delivery Date: JUNE, 1982

Cost Per Vehicle: Purchase or Demonstration: DEMONSTRATION

Transit Property: NEW YORK STATE D.O.T.

Street Address: 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, ROOM 5454

Contact: HARRY STANTON Telephone: 212-938-3299

Description: HINO MODEL RUC 18S

40 FOOT BODY; TRANSVERSE REAR MOUNTED ENGINE; MANY AMERICAN COMPONENTS USED

BECAUSE OF BETTER PARTS AVAILABILITY

Manufacturer Information

Company: HINO MOTORS, LIMITED; PLANNING DIVISION

Address: 7-17, NIHONBASHI 1-CHOME; CHOU-KU, TOKYO 103; JAPAN

Contact: SHINICHI FUNAKUBO, EXPORT SALES Telephone: 03-281-3323

Manufacturer: HINO No. of Vehicles: 2

Delivery Date: MAY, 1981

Cost Per Vehicle: Purchase or Demonstration: DEMONSTRATION

Transit Property: NEW YORK STATE D.O.T.

Street Address: 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, ROOM 5454

City: NEW YORK State: NEW YORK Zip: 10047
Contact: HARRY STANTON Telephone: 212-938-3299

Description: HINO MODEL RC

37 FOOT BODY, IN-LINE REAR MOUNTED ENGINE, LONG REAR OVERHANG CAUSED SOME MANEUVERING PROBLEMS; BUSES HAVE BEEN TESTED IN ALBANY, BUFFALO, NEW YORK,

ROCHESTER, SYRACUSE, AND WESTCHESTER

Manufacturer Information

Company: HINO MOTORS, LIMITED; PLANNING DIVISION

Address: 7-17, NIHONBASHI 1-CHOME; CHUO-KU, TOKYO 103; JAPAN

Contact: SHINICHI FUNAKUBO, EXPORT SALES Telephone: 03-281-3323

Manufacturer: IVECO

No. of Vehicles: 1 Delivery Date: FEBRUARY, 1982
Cost Per Vehicle: 110,000 Purchase or Demonstration: DEMONSTRATION

Transit Property: PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Street Address: BEAVER AND ISLAND AVENUES

City: PITTSBURGH State: PENNSYLVANIA Zip: 15233 Contact: MIKE MANNING, MGR. OF MAINT. SYSTEMS Telephone: 412-237-7290

Description: AIR-COOLED ENGINE

AIR-COOLED DIESEL WITH VOITH TRANSMISSION; VEHICLE HAS PERFORMED

SATISFACTORILY

Manufacturer Information Company: IVECO, BUS DIVISION

Address: VIA TOSCARA 9; PESCARITO, SAN MAURO TORINESE; TORINO 10100; ITALY Telephone: 011-244644

Contact: H. KUSGENS, EXPORT SALES

Manufacturer: M.A.N.

No. of Vehicles: 15
Cost Per Vehicle: 300,000

Delivery Date: JULY, 1983
Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

Street Address: 1555 BERGER DRIVE

State: CALIFORNIA City: SAN JOSE Zip: 95112 Contact: PADRO GUZMAN, ENGINEER Telephone: 408-299-2362

Description: ARTICULATED

SEATING FOR 70 WITH SEATS IN TURNTABLE AREA; MID-AXLE DRIVE; LIFT EQUIPPED

Manufacturer Information

Company: M.A.N. TRUCK AND BUS CORPORATION

Address: 201 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET; CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

Contact: GEORGE E. PICKETT, TRANSIT SALES Telephone: 704-376-6000

Manufacturer: M.A.N.

No. of Vehicles: 21 Delivery Date: FEBRUARY, 1984
Cost Per Vehicle: 265,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

Street Address: 600 CIRCLE TOWER

City: INDIANAPOLIS State: INDIANA Zip: 46204 Contact: BILL PETERSON, DIR. OPERATIONS PLANNING Telephone: 317-635-2100

Description: ARTICULATED

SEATS FOR 72 WITH SEATING IN TURNTABLE AREA; MID-AXLE DRIVE; KNEELERS

Manufacturer Information

Company: M.A.N. TRUCK AND BUS CORPORATION

Address: 201 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET; CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

Contact: GEORGE E. PICKETT, TRANSIT SALES Telephone: 704-376-6000

Manufacturer: M.A.N.

No. of Vehicles: 10 Delivery Date: AUGUST, 1983
Cost Per Vehicle: 275,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: MEMPHIS AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Street Address: P.O. BOX 122

City: MEMPHIS State: TENNESSEE Zip: 38101
Contact: LAWSON ALBRITTON, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT Telephone: 901-528-2859

Description: ARTICULATED

72 SEATS WITH SEATING IN TURNTABLE AREA; MID-AXLE DRIVE; KNEELERS

Manufacturer Information

Company: M.A.N. TRUCK AND BUS CORPORATION

Address: 201 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET; CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

Contact: GEORGE E. PICKETT, TRANSÍT SALES Telephone: 704-376-6000

Manufacturer: M.A.N.

No. of Vehicles: 62 Delivery Date: JULY, 1981
Cost Per Vehicle: 275,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION

Street Address: 800 AMERICAN CENTER BUILDING

City: ST. PAUL State: MINNESOTA Zip: 55101

Contact: CECIL TAMMEN, ENGINEER Telephone: 612-642-2622

Description: ARTICULATED

64 SEATS WITH SEATS IN TURNTABLE AREA; MID-AXLE DRIVE; KNEELER; EQUIPPED

WITH AUXILIARY HEATER

Manufacturer Information

Company: M.A.N. TRUCK AND BUS CORPORATION

Address: 201 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET; CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

Contact: GEORGE E. PICKETT, TRANSIT SALES Telephone: 704-376-6000

Manufacturer: M.A.N.

No. of Vehicles: 30 Delivery Date: APRIL, 1983
Cost Per Vehicle: 269,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Street Address: BEAVER AND ISLAND AVENUES

City: PITTSBURGH State: PENNSYLVANIA Zip: 15233 Contact: MIKE MANNING, MGR. OF MAINT. SYSTEMS Telephone: 412-237-7290

Description: ARTICULATED

MID-AXLE DRIVE; UNDER FLOOR DIESEL; 63 SEATS WITH SEATING IN TURNTABLE AREA;

KNEELERS

Manufacturer Information

Company: M.A.N. TRUCK AND BUS CORPORATION

Address: 201 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET; CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

Contact: GEORGE E. PICKETT, TRANSIT SALES Telephone: 704-376-6000

Manufacturer: M.A.N.

No. of Vehicles: 10 Delivery Date: MAY, 1979
Cost Per Vehicle: 170,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Street Address: 401 WEST PEACHTREE

City: ATLANTA State: GEORGIA Zip: 30365 Contact: JIM HUGGINS, DIR. OF MAINTENANCE Telephone: 404-294-3201

Description: ARTICULATED

SEATING FOR 67 WITH SEATS IN TURNTABLE AREA: MID-AXLE DRIVE WITH 6 CYLINDER

DIESEL UNDER FLOOR ENGINE

Manufacturer Information

Company: M.A.N. TRUCK AND BUS CORPORATION

Address: 201 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET; CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

Contact: GEORGE E. PICKETT, TRANSIT SALES Telephone: 704-376-6000

Manufacturer: MINICAR-VETTER OF GERMANY

Delivery Date: SEPTEMBER, 1982 No. of Vehicles: 13 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE Cost Per Vehicle: 240.000

Transit Property: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

Street Address: 1325 SOUTH COLORADO BOULEVARD

City: DENVER State: COLORADO Zip: 80222 Telephone: 303-628-9000 Contact: LEWIS FARBER, PLANNING ANALYST

Description: SHUTTLE BUSES

SHUTTLE BUSES FOR TRANSIT-WAY; LOW FLOORS; EXTRA SOUND INSULATION; RIGHT-SIDE

DRIVER; FRONT WHEEL DRIVE; 8.2L DETROIT DIESEL "FUEL SQUEEZER" ENGINE;

15 SEATS: 55 STANDEES Manufacturer Information Company: MCR TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Address: 55 DEPOT ROAD; GOLETA, CALIFORNIA 93117

Telephone: 805-964-0671 Contact: SAM ROMANO, VICE PRESIDENT

Manufacturer: MINICAR-VETTER OF GERMANY

No. of Vehicles: 6 Delivery Date: SEPTEMBER, 1982 Cost Per Vehicle: 310,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

Street Address: 1325 SOUTH COLORADO BOULEVARD

City: DENVER State: COLORADO Zip: 80222
Contact: LEWIS FARBER, PLANNING ANALYST Telephone: 303-628-9000

Description: SHUTTLE BUSES

SHUTTLE BUSES FOR TRANSIT-WAY; BATTERY POWERED WITH FRONT WHEEL DRIVE;

RIGHT SIDE DRIVER; 15 SEATS; 55 STANDEES TWO HOURS OF OPERATION BETWEEN CHARGES

Manufacturer Information Company: MCR TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Address: 55 DEPOT ROAD; GOLETA, CALIFORNIA 93117

Contact: SAM ROMANO, VICE PRESIDENT Telephone: 805-964-0671

Manufacturer: NEOPLAN

No. of Vehicles: 20 Delivery Date: JANUARY, 1982 Cost Per Vehicle: 195,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Street Address: 425 SOUTH MAIN STREET

City: LOS ANGELES State: CALIFORNIA Zip: 90013 Contact: FRANK KIRSHNER, EQUIPMENT ENGINEERING Telephone: 213-972-6608

Description: DOUBLE-DECK BUSES

82 SEATS; 3 AXLES; LOW FLOORS AT ENTRY DOOR

Manufacturer Information

Company: NEOPLAN U.S.A. CORPORATION, SALES DIVISION

Address: 627 SOUTH BROADWAY, SUITE B; BOULDER, COLORADO 80303

Contact: ROLF RUPPENTHAL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. Telephone: 303-499-4040

Manufacturer: NEOPLAN

No. of Vehicles: 46

Cost Per Vehicle: 243,000

Delivery Date: JANUARY, 1983

Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Street Address: 401 WEST PEACHTREE

City: ATLANTA State: GEORGIA Zip: 30365 Contact: JIM HUGGINS, DIR. BUS MAINTENANCE Telephone: 404-294-3201

Description: ARTICULATED

REAR AXLE DRIVE; 69 SEATS WITH TURNTABLE SEATING

Manufacturer Information

Company: NEOPLAN U.S.A. CORPORATION, SALES DIVISION

Address: 627 SOUTH BROADWAY, SUITE B; BOULDER, COLORADO 80303

Contact: ROLF RUPPENTHAL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. Telephone: 303-499-4040

Manufacturer: NEOPLAN

No. of Vehicles: 1 Delivery Date: APRIL, 1982

Cost Per Vehicle: Purchase or Demonstration: DEMONSTRATION

Transit Property: DALLAS TRANSIT SYSTEM Street Address: 101 NORTH PEAK STREET

City: DALLAS State: TEXAS Zip: 75226
Contact: JIM WIESEHUEGEL, ASSIST. GENERAL MGR. Telephone: 214-827-3400

Description: ARTICULATED

ONE WEEK DEMONSTRATION; 65 SEATS WITH AIR CONDITIONING; REAR AXLE DRIVE; PURCHASES OF ARTICS WILL START IN 1984 AND 200 SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY 1988

Manufacturer Information

Company: NEOPLAN U.S.A. CORPORATION, SALES DIVISION

Address: 627 SOUTH BROADWAY, SUITE B; BOULDER, COLORADO 80303

Contact: ROLF RUPPENTHAL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. Telephone: 303-499-4040

Manufacturer: ONTARIO BUS INDUSTRIES

No. of Vehicles: 50 Delivery Date: MARCH, 1984

Cost Per Vehicle: 126,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

Street Address: 600 CIRCLE TOWER

City: INDIANAPOLIS State: INDIANA Zip: 46204 Contact: BILL PETERSON, DIR. OPERATIONS PLANNING Telephone: 317-635-2100

Description: ORION MODEL

35 FOOT BODIES; 6 CYLINDER DIESEL WITH IN-LINE TRANSMISSION; CONCERN WITH FUEL

ECONOMY; PROTOTYPE TO BE DELIVERED IN JANUARY, 1984

Manufacturer Information

Company: ONTARIO BUS INDUSTRIES, INC.

Address: 5395 MAINGATE DRIVE; MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L4W 2G6; CANADA

Contact: G.A. NEVISON, NATIONAL SALES MANAGER Telephone: 416-625-9510

Manufacturer: ONTARIO BUS INDUSTRIES

No. of Vehicles: 1

Delivery Date: OCTOBER, 1982 Cost Per Vehicle: 111,000 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: BARROW TRANSIT

Street Address: P.O. BOX 69

City: BARROW Zip: 99723 State: ALASKA

Contact: JIM WILCOX, SERVICE MANAGER Telephone: 907-852-2611

Description: CLIMATE-SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT

THERMO-PANE WINDOWS; PREHEATERS FOR ENGINE, FUEL AND COACH INTERIOR;

DOUBLE INSULATED BODY; TURBO CHARGED DIESEL ENGINE

Manufacturer Information

Company: ONTARIO BUS INDUSTRIES, INC.

Address: 5295 MAINGATE DRIVE; MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L4W 1G6; CANADA

Contact: G.A. NEVISON, NATIONAL SALES MANAGER Telephone: 416-625-9510 Manufacturer: RENAULT

No. of Vehicles: 1 Delivery Date: JULY, 1982

Cost Per Vehicle: Purchase or Demonstration: DEMONSTRATION

Transit Property: MUNI. OF METROPOLITAN SEATTLE

Street Address: 821 SECOND AVENUE

City: SEATTLE State: WASHINGTON Zip: 98104
Contact: STEVE GRISSOM, SERVICE DEVELOPMENT Telephone: 206-447-6398

Description: DUAL POWERED BUS

DIESEL AND ELECTRIC POWERED ARTICULATED BUS; DIESEL ENGINE IS TOO SMALL; 3 OR 4 SETS OF MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY BEFORE PRODUCTION MODELS MAY BE PURCHASED

Manufacturer Information

Company: RENAULT U.S.A. INC., R.V.I. BUS DIVISION Address: 499 PARK AVENUE; NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

Contact: Telephone: 212-980-8500

Manufacturer: RENAULT

No. of Vehicles: 2 Delivery Date: JUNE, 1981

Cost Per Vehicle: Purchase or Demonstration: DEMONSTRATION

Transit Property: NEW YORK STATE D.O.T.

Street Address: 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, ROOM 5454

City: NEW YORK State: NEW YORK Zip: 10047

Contact: HARRY STANTON Telephone: 212-938-3299

Description: RENAULT MODEL PR100

38 FOOT BODY; IN-LINE ENGINE; NEED FOR IMPROVED MAINTENANCE ACCESSIBLITY AND RELIABILITY; BUSES TESTED IN ALBANY, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, ROCHESTER,

SYRACUSE, AND WESTCHESTER Manufacturer Information

Company: RENAULT U.S.A. INC., R.V.I. BUS DIVISION Address: 499 PARK AVENUE; NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

Contact: Telephone: 212-980-8500

Manufacturer: SCANIA

No. of Vehicles: 3 Delivery Date: OCTOBER, 1981

Cost Per Vehicle: Purchase or Demonstration: DEMONSTRATION

Transit Property: NORWALK TRANSIT DISTRICT Street Address: RR STATION P.O. BOX 32

City: NORWALK State: CONNECTICUT Zip: 06854 Contact: DICK GUNDERSON, TRANSP. SYSTEMS CENTER Telephone: 617-494-2654

Description: SCANIA MODEL BR112

VAN HOOL BODY ON A SCANIA CHASIS; BODY ON CHASIS CONSTRUCTION; 6 CYLINDER DIESEL WITH VOITH TRANSMISSION; 40 FOOT BODY; 2 YEAR DEMONSTRATION TO END IN FALL OF 1983

Manufacturer Information

Company: SAAB-SCANIA OF AMERICA, INC., SCANIA DIVISION

Address: SAAB DRIVE; P.O. BOX 697; ORANGE, CONNECTICUT 06477

Contact: RALPH T. MILLET, DIRECTOR Telephone: 203-795-5671

Manufacturer: SKILLCRAFT

No. of Vehicles: 23 Delivery Date: OCTOBER, 1981
Cost Per Vehicle: 98,625 Purchase or Demonstration: PURCHASE

Transit Property: SARASOTA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT

Street Address: 5303 PICKNEY AVENUE

City: SARASOTA State: FLORIDA Zip: 33583 Contact: JIM NEWCOMB, OPERATIONS MANAGER Telephone: 813-922-0702

Description: TRANSMASTER MODEL

SEATING FOR 31; 8.2L V-8 DIESEL REAR MOUNTED ENGINE; LOW FLOOR; WIDE DOOR; 2 PROTOTYPES TESTED IN SUMMER OF 1981

Manufacturer Information

Company: SKILLCRAFT INDUSTRIES, INC.

Address: 355 CENTER COURT; VENICE, FLORIDA 33595

Contact: T.C. HUSTON, DOMESTIC/EXPORT SALES Telephone: 813-488-1501

APPENDIX B

SUMMARY OF

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FEATURE	LOCATION	NUMBER	MANUFACTURER
AIR-COOLED ENGINE	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA		IVECO
ARTICULATED	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	15	CROWN-IKARUS
ARTICULATED	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	15	M.A.N.
ARTICULATED	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	21	M.A.N.
ARTICULATED	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	4.0	CROWN-IKARUS
ARTICULATED	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	10	M.A.N.
ARTICULATED	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	29	M.A.N.
ARTICULATED	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	3.0	M.A.N.
ARTICULATED	ATLANTA,GEURGIA	1.0	M.A.N.
ARTICULATED	ALBANY, NEW YORK	∞	CROWN-IKARUS
ARTICULATED	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	46	NEOPLAN
ARTICULATED	DALLAS, TEXAS	1	NEOPLAN

CROWN-IKARUS	CHANCE	ONTARIO BUS INDUSTRIES	NEOPLAN	RENAULT	вмс	HINO	0 N I H	BILLINGS ENERGY CORPORATION	ATLANTIC RESEARCH CORPORATION	ONTARIO BUS INDUSTRIES	RENAULT	SCANIA	CARPENTER
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PORTLAND, OREGON	WICHITA, KANSAS	BARROW, ALASKA	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	NEW YORK, NEW YORK	NEW YORK, NEW YORK	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	CLEVELAND, OHIO	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	NEW YORK, NEW YORK	NORWALK, CONNECTICUT	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
ARTICULATED	ARTICULATED SMALL BUS	CLIMATE-SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT	DOUBLE-DECK BUSES	DUAL POWERED BUS	GAS TURBINE ENGINE	HINO MODEL RC	HINO MODEL RUC 18S	HYDROGEN/PROPANE FUELED	MINI-BUSES	ORION MODEL	RENAULT MODEL PR100	SCANIA MODEL BR112	SHORT WHEEL BASE

SHUTTLE BUSES	DENVER, COLORADO	13	MINICAR-VETTER OF GERMANY
SHUTTLE BUSES	DENVER, COLORADO	9	MINICAR-VETFER OF GERMANY
SIX CYLINDER DIESEL	WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA	3.0	917718
TRANSMASTER MODEL	SARASOTA,FLORIDA	23	SKILLGRAFT
TURB0-CHARGED	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	1.0	GRUMMAN
TURB0-CHARGED	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	20	BLUE BIRD

APPENDIX C

SUMMARY OF LOCATIONS AND MANUFACTURERS

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MANUFACTURER

ALBANY, NEW YORK

CROWN-IKARUS

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

M.A.N.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

NEOPLAN

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

GMC

BARROW, ALASKA

ONTARIO BUS INDUSTRIES

CLEVELAND, OHIO

ATLANTIC RESEARCH CORPORATION

DALLAS, TEXAS

NEOPLAN

DENVER, COLORADO

MINICAR-VETTER OF GERMANY

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

M.A.N.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

ONTARIO BUS INDUSTRIES

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

GRUMMAN

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BLUE BIRD

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

NEOPLAN

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

CROWN-IKARUS

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE M.A.N. MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN CROWN-IKARUS NEW YORK, NEW YORK HINO NEW YORK, NEW YORK RENAULT NORWALK, CONNECTICUT SCANIA PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA M.A.N. PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA IVECO PORTLAND, OREGON CROWN-IKARUS SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA BILLINGS ENERGY CORPORATION SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA M.A.N.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA SKILLCRAFT

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON RENAULT

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA CARPENTER ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA M.A.N.

WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA GILLIG

WICHITA, KANSAS CHANCE

APPENDIX D

MANUFACTURER INFORMATION

- ATLANTIC RESEARCH CORPORATION
 5390 CHEROKEE AVENUE; ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314
 703-642-4000
- BILLINGS ENERGY CORPORATION NOT AVAILABLE NOT AVAILABLE
- BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY, CITY BUS SALES
 P.O. BOX 937; FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA 31030
 912-825-2021
- CARPENTER BODY WORKS, INC. MICHELL, INDIANA 47446 812-849-3131
- CHANCE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., COACH DIVISION 4219 IRVING STREET; WICHITA, KANSAS 67277-2328 316-942-7411
- CROWN COACH CORPORATION, TRANSIT VEHICLE DIVISION
 2428 EAST 12TH STREET; LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90021
 213-627-4021
- GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, TRUCK AND COACH DIVISION 660 SOUTH BOULEVARD EAST; PONTIAC, MICHIGAN 48053 313-857-4977
- GILLIG CORPORATION
 25800 CLAWITER ROAD; HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA 94545
 415-785-1500
- GRUMMAN FLXIBLE CORPORATION
 970 PITTSBURGH DRIVE; DELAWARE, OHIO 43015
 614-369-7671
- HINO MOTORS, LIMITED; PLANNING DIVISION
 7-17, NIHONBASHI 1-CHOME; CHOU-KU, TOKYO 103; JAPAN
 03-281-3323
- IVECO, BUS DIVISION
 VIA TOSCARA 9; PESCARITO, SAN MAURO TORINESE; TORINO 10100; ITALY
 011-244644
- M.A.N. TRUCK AND BUS CORPORATION
 201 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET; CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202
 704-376-6000
- MCR TECHNOLOGY, INC.
 55 DEPOT ROAD; GOLETA, CALIFORNIA 93117
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- NEOPLAN U.S.A. CORPORATION, SALES DIVISION
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 303-499-4040
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 813-488-1501

APPENDIX E

REPORT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

This report assembles for the first time a list of innovative transit vehicle technology that has been put in place between 1979 and 1982 by U.S. transit operators. The transit operator, vehicle manufacturer and innovative characteristics are listed.

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